

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Enclosed herewith are formal replacement drawings.

Claims 10, 21 and 22 have been cancelled and new Claims 23-27 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 11-20 and 23-27 are now pending.

New independent Claim 23, which replaces cancelled Claim 10, has been drafted in a manner believed to overcome the objections to original Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Previously pending Claims 10-22 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-4 and 6-8 of copending application, Serial No. 11/054,414. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. All of the presently pending claims expressly recite the special disposition of the resistor in the airflow path generated by the motor fan to cool the motor. This feature is not disclosed or suggested anywhere in the copending application. Moreover, there is no teaching in the copending application that would render the claimed combination obvious. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the double patenting rejection is inappropriate and should be withdrawn.

Claims 10-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Griffin (U.S. 4,992,709) or Han (U.S. 5,196,343) in view of Higashi et al. (U.S. 5,719,493). Han discloses a hair dryer having a fan 18 driven by a motor 20 for blowing air across a heater 24 comprised of heater elements 30. The control electronics shown in Fig. 3 for controlling the motor and heater elements are expressly described as "being

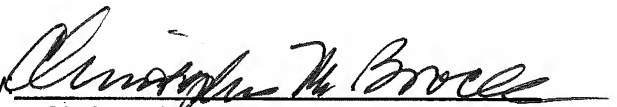
situated in handle 12 in the region generally designated by phantom outline 38." (col. 2, lines 42-44). As clearly shown in Fig. 1, this region of the handle is remote from the airflow generated by the fan 18, which enters the body of the hair dryer at 22 and exits from the barrel of the hair dryer at 28.

The additional cited prior art to Griffin and Higashi et al. merely describe and illustrate circuit diagrams and are completely silent as to the location of any of the circuit elements relative to the cooling fan of the motor.

Accordingly, newly presented independent Claims 23 and 24, as well as those claims dependent thereon are believed to define patentable subject matter over the cited art. The present application is therefore in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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